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Electric Toothbrush, and Method for its)
Manufacture)

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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 24-62, without prejudice, prior to examination as follows:

24. (Amended). A toothbrush bristle and a bristle carrier together forming a toothbrush, said bristle comprising a plastic monofilament defining in a cross-sectional area thereof at least first and second adjoining zones and at least one region of preferred breaking between said first and second zones. *MS.*

25. (Amended). The toothbrush as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first zone comprises a first plastic material and the second zone comprises a second plastic material, and wherein said first plastic material differs from said second plastic material.

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